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Parties, rallies, protests surround Democratic presidential debate in Flint

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/04/16 6:13 AM

The Whiting Auditorium will be the epicenter for the 8 p.m. Sunday, March 6 Democratic presidential debate between candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. But downtown Flint is expected to be overflowing with activity in connection with the CNN debate in partnership with MLive and The Flint Journal that comes two days before the March 8 Michigan primary.

UM-Flint hosts CNN on campus for Democratic presidential debate coverage

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/04/16 5:54 AM

The quiet rule is being silenced over the next few days at the Frances Willson Library on the

University of Michigan-Flint campus in a ramp up to the March 6 Democratic presidential debate. Crews from CNN were busy Thursday afternoon transforming a portion of the library into a news desk, where live broadcasts are set to begin Friday, March 4 ahead of the debate by the cable news outlet at The Whiting Auditorium in partnership with MLive and The Flint Journal.

Flint's Water Crisis Was Sadly Ignored At The GOP Debate That's Just 70 Miles Away

By Chris Tognotti, Bustle 03/04/16 12:52 AM

During Thursday night's GOP debate in Detroit, Michigan, the scene outside the Fox Theater looked a lot different than it did on the inside. While the candidates traded blows over, well, mostly each other — the night was notable for stretches of all-out attack on frontrunner Donald Trump — there were people in the streets outside protesting over an issue that got far too little attention: the Flint water crisis was largely ignored at the GOP debate, save for one question directly solely at the man in the third-place position.

Flint, Michigan, Hosts Next Democratic Debate: Schedule, TV, Streaming — Sanders Vs. Clinton Round 7

By Jonathan Vankin, InQuisitr 03/04/16

The stricken city of Flint, Michigan, will host the next Democratic debate where Hillary and Clinton and Bernie Sanders will face off for the seventh time in the 2016 Presidential campaign — this time at Ground Zero in the conflict between ordinary citizens and government, a conflict that appears to be driving voters in both the Republican and Democratic campaigns.

The Referendum That Might Have Headed Off Flint's Water Crisis

By Alec MacGillis, ProPublica 03/04/16 12:00 AM

The tragic lead poisoning of the Flint water supply in Michigan is a study in bureaucratic bungling, racial inequity and national media inattention. But the fallout from the crisis has obscured another lesson: There are consequences when those in power are able simply to circumvent the public will.

State halts private Flint pipe replacement bid

By Jacob Carah, Detroit News 03/04/16 12:01 AM

The first lead-line replacement began in Flint on Thursday, then abruptly ended after a contractor was stopped by the state environmental agency. Saying the community could not "wait any longer," Jenan Jondy of the Broome Center said Mohammed Hammoud of Crescent Contracting was hired by the Flint Coalition, a consortium of private businesses and individuals, to begin pipe removal in the city, according to the Flint Journal.

Flint mayor: GOP candidates were as dismissive of concerns as state was

By Detroit Free Press 03/04/16 [video clip]

Report: Mike Lee Blocking Aid to Flint, Michigan

By Bryan Schott, Utah Policy 03/03/16

Sen. Mike Lee is reportedly using a procedural maneuver to hold up millions of dollars in aid to residents of Flint, Michigan who are dealing with high levels of lead in their drinking water. The Daily Beast reports Lee is using a "hold" to keep the proposal from moving forward. A hold is usually kept anonymous, but the publication says two sources have fingered Lee as blocking the bill.

Rubio defends Snyder on Flint water crisis

By Cooper Allan, USA Today 03/03/16 10:41 PM

A water crisis has hit Flint, Mich., hard, and the issue was raised at Thursday's GOP presidential debate in Detroit, about 70 miles away. It came in a question to Florida Sen. Marco Rubio about 80 minutes in. Why, moderator Bret Baier asked, have GOP candidates not talked more about the issue? "I know I've talked about it," said Rubio, calling it a "terrible thing" and a "systemic breakdown." He added though that the "politicizing of it, I think, is unfair."

Rubio: 'Politicization' of Flint water crisis 'unfair'

By Jim Lynch, Detroit News 03/03/16 11:54 PM

Flint's water crisis had a short moment in the spotlight at Thursday's Republican presidential debate, and it brought a rare moment of support for embattled Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder. A single question on Flint went to Florida U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and focused on the seeming failure of the national GOP to make the city's lead-contaminated water an issue during the

campaign.

Rubio Defends Michigan Governor Over Flint Water Crisis at Republican Debate

By Daniel White, TIME 03/03/16

Republican presidential candidate Sen. Marco Rubio came to the defense of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's handling of the Flint water crisis during Thursday's Republican debate. When asked a question about an apparent lack of Republican response to Flint, a city in the midst of a crisis over its lead-poisoned water supply, Rubio offered Gov. Snyder praise for his response.

Other News and Opinions

Doctor, mom who helped expose Flint crisis win courage award

By Ed White, Washington Post 03/04/16 9:26 AM

A prominent literary and human rights group is giving its annual courage award to a doctor and a mother of four who faced scorn as they tried to expose dangerous levels of lead in the water in Flint, Michigan. Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and LeeAnne Walters will be awarded the Freedom of Expression Courage Award on May 16 in New York, PEN America announced Friday.

Flint and lead poisoning: Living with it and uncertainty, long-term

By Jen Christensen, Sara Sidner & Mallory Simon, CNN 03/04/16 7:55 AM [video clip]

Aaron Stinson does whatever he can to stay healthy. He exercises regularly. He avoids sweets. He drinks only water. The problem is Stinson lives in Flint, Michigan, born and raised. The water he constantly consumed for his health may hurt it, permanently and for generations to come. Lead, as we now know, contaminated the water there. Stinson is one of many Flint residents who tested positive for lead exposure.

Crews start replacing troublesome lead water pipes in Flint

AP for Washington Post 03/04/16 7:49 AM

Crews in Flint are starting to dig up old lead pipes connecting water mains to homes as part of efforts to allay the city's contaminated water crisis. Mayor Karen Weaver says work starting

Friday will target lead service lines at homes in neighborhoods with the highest number of children under 6 years old, senior citizens, pregnant women, people with compromised immune systems and homes where water tests indicate high levels of lead at the tap.

5 months later in Flint, high lead levels remain

By Sara Ganim, CNN 03/04/16 8:47 AM

It's been five months since the state of Michigan relented and switched Flint's drinking water source back to the Great Lakes, after a disastrous trial using the Flint River. Five months, and residents still can't drink what comes out of their taps. And not just out of an abundance of caution.

Flint trains up, gets ready to replace its lead pipe

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 03/03/16 11:07 PM

The City of Flint's effort to replace all of the city's lead pipes is expected to start Friday. Mayor Karen Weaver said Thursday she will kick off her Fast Start initiative intended to replace all of the lead pipes in Flint to restore safe, clean drinking water as soon as possible. The city has been under a federal state of emergency since January with most residents drinking bottled water and using filters on their taps amid concerns about lead contamination.

Flint Educators Ask: 'How Dare You Poison Our Children?'

By Mary Ellen Flannery, NEA Today 03/03/16 9:21 AM

When teacher Michelle Gushen celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech in her Flint, Mich., high school classroom this year, every one of her students said they have a dream, too. And it's about clean water. "Who would ever think a child would have to ask for clean water in the United States?" Gushen asked NEA President Lily Eskelsen García during her February visit to the area. "And [we] don't really have an answer for them," Gushen said.

Donations and Aid

Job program's young leaders respond to Flint's water crisis

By Edythe Hatter-Williams, Lansing State Journal 03/04/16 7:46 AM

The Capital Area Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board recently welcomed students in the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates program as presenters at its monthly meeting. One of its projects is working on is helping the people of Flint. The Flint water tragedy is something that personally hits home for me, with my roots and family coming from Flint. It's hard to imagine and witness what these individuals are going through in order to use water to drink, bathe, cook, clean their produce and more, and it's something that has to be done every single day. It's times like this that individuals who aren't impacted need to step up as leaders to help.

Local group aims to help Flint, MI, in a time of need

By Katie Garner, WECT NBC 6 03/04/16 8:03 AM

Many residents in Flint, MI, are continuing to struggle in acquiring clean drinking water. The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is partnering with the Black Student Union, and the Seahawk Admissions Network for Diversity at UNCW to give back to Flint. Their goal is to help raise money to send water to the struggling families. "It's just a low income, particularly African American community going on in Flint, MI, right now," said George Daniel, president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, "and that's something we felt very passionate about."

'It Wakes Me Up at Night': Maryland Fire Department Volunteers Collecting Water for Flint

By Jackie Bensen, NBC 4 Washington 03/03/16 [video clip]

When a volunteer emergency medical technician in Prince George's County, Maryland, saw heart-wrenching images of people in Flint, Michigan, where the water supply was contaminated by lead, she knew she wanted to help. "It wakes me up at night," Elisa Miller said. "[I would wake up] with dreams of babies not having the water that they need. The elderly, the ones that's on medication."

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